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REMARKS

Claims 2 - 20, 53 - 55, 65 - 68, 70, 72 - 74, and 76 - 89 are pending in the application. Claims 2 - 20, 53 - 55, 65 - 68, 70, 72 - 74, and 76 - 78 have been amended. Claims 56 - 64, 69, 71 and 75 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 79 - 89 have been added.

Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that claims 65 - 68, 70 and 76 have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 65 - 68, 70 and 76 have all been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, these claims are patentable.

Dependant claims 2 - 20, 53 - 55 and 78 - 85 depend directly or indirectly from claim 65 and thus are patentable. Dependant claims 86 - 88 depend directly or indirectly from claim 66 and thus are patentable. Dependant claim 89 depends directly or indirectly from claim 67 and thus is patentable. Dependant claim 77 depends directly or indirectly from claim 76 and thus is patentable.

Independent claim 73 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 70 and thus is patentable. Claim 74 depends from claim 63 and thus is also patentable.

CONCLUSION

Having obviated the Examiner's objections, applicant hereby seeks and early indication of allowance.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term that expired on October 16, 2004, for three month to Tuesday January 18, 2005.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$1020 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 12110.

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